

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks.

Claim 4-5, 7 and 12 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice and partly rewritten as claim 13. The accession number for the *Pseudomonas* species of claims 13 and 15 is given in the first paragraph of page 20 of the specification.

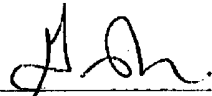
The independent claims have been amended to recite that the protein is isolated. Claim 3, which is not rejected on prior art, has also been amended to put it in improved form. Claim 13 was rewritten from claim 11, which was not rejected on prior art. Claim 14 is new. The accession number for the *Marinomonas* species of claim 14 is given at the top of page 21 of the specification.

The informality in claim 10 has been avoided by removing the "such as" clause and presenting it in new claim 17.

It would appear that the amendments obviate the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended,
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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